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REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's review of the specification, claims, and drawings and indication of allowed subject matter. In light of the above amendments, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application and a Notice of Allowance.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS:

Claims 75-77 are pending in the application. Claims 3-16, 18, 19, 21-33, 51-60, and 62-74 have been cancelled herein without prejudice to pursue these claims and other claims in a continuing application.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (616) 97-5506.

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